

## A Message from the Chair

It's been a warm one this summer, setting the ideal stage for many sporting activities. I'm sure we are all immensely proud of the achievement of the Lionesses winning the 2022 UEFA European Women's Football Championship, especially with Killamarsh's very own Millie Bright in play for all 6 of England's winning matches in the tournament, and Ellie Roebuck as a reserve Goalkeeper. Indeed, the England Women's team brought football home! Well done also to Calli Thackery on her efforts in the Women's 5000m running events at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham and 2022 European Athletics Championships in Munich.



A highlight of the Jubilee celebrations was seeing the activities that all our local schools and nurseries were engaging in, and presenting them with our commemorative Jubilee bookmarks which were gratefully received and will hopefully aid our young readers. I was very impressed with the efforts that many children had gone to learning about the monarchy and seeing the colourful displays and activities they had engaged in.

Across the summer period it was also pleasing to see our younger parishioners engaging in outdoor activities with the Extreme Wheels team. Youngsters took part in either scooting or BMXing at the Skate Park or Body Zorbing on the Sports Field, engaging in healthy outdoor exercise on a weekly Wednesday night.

The Sports Centre redevelopment is nearly there, with expected completion due later in September. The CLOC building also remains available for hire while we review long term future use of the building. The Council have also recently agreed to the placement of four defibrillator units across the community over the coming months.

**Steve Clough, Killamarsh Parish Council (Chair)**

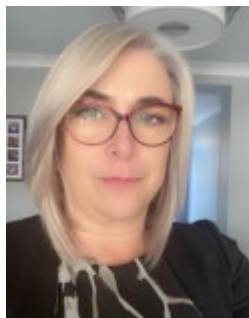
## Introducing our new Parish Clerk / Responsible Finance Officer

Hello, my name is Gail and I was recently appointed as Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer for Killamarsh Parish Council.

I am from neighbouring Rotherham and I was the Clerk to Brinsworth Parish Council prior to joining Killamarsh.

I enjoy the job of Clerk, it's an interesting, varied and sometimes challenging job. I am looking forward to learning more about Killamarsh and working with your parish Councillors to look after your community's assets. The Council has lots of projects for me and the Deputy Clerk, Judy, to look into and some great events planned going forward.

The Parish Office is currently open between 9.00am until 4.00pm Monday to Friday and we can be contacted by calling 01142472260 or sending an email to [office@killamarsh-pc.gov.uk](mailto:office@killamarsh-pc.gov.uk).



## New Parish Councillor Mary-Ann Ritchie Introduces Herself...

Hi, I'm Mary-Ann Ritchie; I'm 50 years old and have lived in Killamarsh for nine years. You may recognise me as the founder and organiser of The Killamarsh Wombles. I live with my husband and our dog and run my own aesthetic laser practice, which I have been doing for the past 6

years. Before that I was in the marketing and mystery shopping sector as an analyst for 15 years. When I left that career path, I worked at Tan & Tone on Bridge St for a few months so you might also know me from there!

I'm very happy to have been co-opted onto the Parish Council and hope to see positive changes for our amazing village. My desire is for all of us to benefit from a happier, safer and greener place to live, work and play, in addition to providing better facilities and amenities for everyone.



## Killamarsh Skate Park to be Refurbished

Following a successful bid by North East Derbyshire District Council, £420k of grant funding has been obtained to address issues across areas of North East Derbyshire that suffer from anti-social behaviour. Killamarsh is one of the lucky beneficiaries of a significant proportion of funding, which is earmarked to refurbish the Skate Park in the village and contribute towards extreme and urban activities. **Cllr. Clough commented "The additional investment in updating the skate park is much welcomed. It will go a long way to providing our young people in the village with improved outdoor facilities and activities, adding to the big investment already made in the nearby Sports Centre."**



## More Benches in the Village

Additional benches have been installed in the village to replace both damaged seating and to add to availability.

The first is a new bench at Norwood Park as there was previously no seating available around the play area.



The second new bench is at Belk Lane Park to replace a damaged bench as the Council could no longer source spare parts.



The third new bench is at Westthorpe Green set at the back of the grassed area with trees opposite the West End pub.



The two steel benches that were situated in the Sports Centre car park have been moved to memorial gardens due to the pending car park

reconfiguration and risk of damage or loss. The memorial plaque that accompanied the benches has been cleaned and resecured between the benches at memorial gardens to preserve the memory of Colin Robinson, former Parish Councillor and founder of Killamarsh Community Trust Association.

A further bench is to be fitted at Birch Park, but is subject to approval from NEDDC so we are awaiting permission to fit the new equipment.

## Speed Indicator Devices Update

As we mentioned in the last newsletter, the council is looking to source Speed Indicator Device signs (SIDS) to place at known risk locations around Killamarsh. A bid for funding was submitted through the Derbyshire Police & Crime Commissioner grants scheme, and we are pleased to announce that we won a bid for £6,760 towards the equipment. We are now in the process of procuring the equipment and going through the relevant processes for placement in the village.



## Section 137 Grant Funding Approvals

Killamarsh Parish Council are happy to report that two Section 137 Grant Funding Applications have been received.

Organisation	Value
Killamarsh Conservation Group	£500.00
<b>Reason:</b> To fund a wildflower project in Killamarsh	
Killamarsh Heritage Society	£500.00
<b>Reason:</b> To fund a Westthorpe Colliery heritage project in Killamarsh	

Both applications were approved at the Full Council meeting on Monday 25th July 2022. The next funding round opens in October.

## 2023 Parish Calendar Photo Competition There's still time to enter...

The Parish Calendar competition is still open for residents to enter. We are looking for 12 separate entries (one for each month of the year) consisting of any scenic landscape photos following the theme of 'out and about in Killamarsh'. Up for grabs are 12 Max Spielmann vouchers worth £20 each (limited to one prize per household). **The competition closes 30th September 2022. Further details can be found at [www.killamarsh-pc.gov.uk](http://www.killamarsh-pc.gov.uk).**

## Extreme Wheels Roadshow Activities are a Hit!



Killamarsh young folk have really engaged with the Extreme Wheels Roadshow activities that took place on Wednesday nights across the summer months for 11 weeks. **Cllr Platts said "Young people have really engaged with the programme and feedback has been positive asking for more of the same. A number of attending youngsters expressed thanks for providing them with fun activities outside of school and loved the BMX demo's."** Killamarsh Parish Council has agreed to extend the programme next year for a total of 29 weeks across 2023. Youngsters can expect more activities, with dates and times to be confirmed closer to the events.



## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations at Killamarsh Schools

It was a wonderful opportunity to share in some of the celebrations for the Queens Platinum Jubilee in Killamarsh.



Children across the village engaged in learning about the monarchy, created displays, planted trees, held parties and other Royal activities to mark the occasion.



Commemorative leather bookmarks were presented at schools and nurseries in the village to mark the occasion and to encourage and support young peoples reading development.



Councillors are grateful for allowing us to share in the special assemblies and celebrations at local schools.

## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations - Queens Green Canopy

As part of our celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 Killamarsh Parish Council have joined in with the Queen's Green Canopy initiative, which invited people and organisations from across the United Kingdom to plant a tree in their local area.



On Thursday 21st July members of the parish council were joined by pupils from St Giles School in Killamarsh to plant a special commemorative cherry tree in the memorial gardens.

The children were fantastic and really enthusiastic and all took turns to help with the planting. They were looking forward to bringing their families to the garden in the future to look at the tree that they had helped to plant.

The parish council have been successful in their application to the Woodland Trust for some free tree saplings, also as part of the Queen's Green Canopy! Therefore we are launching a big 'Tree Giveaway' for residents in Killamarsh.

If you would like a free tree sapling in the autumn please contact the parish office using the details below and we will let you know when we will deliver your tree!

We have asked for some small to medium trees that encourage wildlife and provide all year round colour, so that they help the environment and will hopefully give a lot of pleasure in years to come.

If you plant a tree it would be lovely going forward if you could take an annual photograph of your tree and send it through to the parish council to display on social media and the website!

Contact the parish office on 0114 247 2260 or Email: [parish.office@killamarsh-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parish.office@killamarsh-pc.gov.uk).

## Winter Grit for the Elderly & Vulnerable of Killamarsh

Planning ahead for winter, Killamarsh Parish Council are still making available bags of grit salt to elderly and vulnerable parishioners as winter heads our way from November onwards.

Eligible householders in Killamarsh will be able to request a bag to be delivered to their homes by contacting the Parish Office on 0114 247 2260 or emailing [parish.office@killamarsh-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parish.office@killamarsh-pc.gov.uk). Please also let us know if any local grit bins need topping up.

## Thanks to the Killamarsh Wombles

Thanks go out to all the Killamarsh Wombles for all their efforts over the past year.

The Killamarsh Wombles were founded in February 2021 and have cleared vast quantities of litter, fly-tipping and years worth of embedded plastics etc. from canal beds in the area. This year, the group have seen at least 50% to 75% more wild plants and flowers grow in what were patchy/barren areas. They pick litter nearly every day and get together as a group at least 3 times a week to make sure that Killamarsh doesn't return to what it once was. Additionally, one of the members has been dedicated to ensuring that drains have been (and continue to be) cleared by NEDDC and have also had more bins added around the village. The Wombles aim to give more to our village this year and will continue with their mission, whilst growing in number. If anyone wishes to join in, feel free to contact Mary-Ann for a chat.

## Dates for your diary

10am - 4pm Saturday 10th & 12pm - 4pm Sunday 11th September 2022 - St. Giles Church Heritage Open Days  
7pm Monday 26th September 2022 - Full Parish Council Meeting, Parish Suite  
10am - 2.00pm Saturday 8th October - Harvest Market, Killamarsh Methodist Church  
7pm Monday 31st October 2022 - Full Parish Council Meeting, Parish Suite  
Time TBC - Sunday 13th November 2022 - Remembrance Sunday Parade, Sheepcote Road to St. Giles Church  
7pm Monday 21st November 2022 - Full Parish Council Meeting, Parish Suite

## Killamarsh Crime Figures 2022

	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Anti-Social Behaviour	7	7	4	18
Burglary	1	1	1	3
Criminal Damage & Arson	8	6	8	22
Drugs	0	1	1	2
Other Theft	2	1	1	4
Other Crime	2	1	1	4
Possession of Weapons	1	1	0	2
Public Order	2	2	5	9
Robbery	1	0	0	1
Shoplifting	1	2	0	3
Theft from the Person	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Crime	5	2	1	8
Violence & Sexual Behaviour	14	7	24	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>121</b>

## More Nosh... Less Dosh!

As we move towards Autumn, it's time to consider winter warmers that don't cost the earth to buy and prepare. With that in mind, how about Chilli Con Carne & Rice for four for less than £4 from Aldi!

Aldi Chilli Seasoning Mix Sachet	£0.19
Minced Beef 500g	£1.69
Aldi Four Seasons Red Kidney Beans	£0.59
Aldi Essentials Easy Cook Rice 1Kg	£0.45
Aldi Essentials Brown Onions 1Kg	£0.55
Aldi Essentials Chopped Tomatoes Can	£0.28
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£3.75</b>

(Prices correct at time of going to print)

Simply follow the instructions on the seasoning sachet, and within 20 minutes you've got a simple cooker top meal for 4.

Morrisons are currently providing menu ideas for meals under a fiver, which can be found at [www.Morrisons.com](http://www.Morrisons.com). All supermarkets are currently revitalising their budget ranges, so it's worth a look to see what changes will come over the coming weeks.

For those who have access to transport, some good bargains can be found at Job Lot in Eckington. If you're looking to stock up freezer wise, Iceland at Crystal Peaks also have some cracking savings too. For additional money saving tips, you can also visit [www.moneysavingexpert.com](http://www.moneysavingexpert.com) and sign up for the weekly money saving email for deals and savings.

## Parish Council Website Upgrade

Killamarsh Parish Council website has recently been upgraded. This is to allow visitors to access the website more easily, particularly on mobile technology, and find key local information more clearly.

See: <https://www.killamarsh-pc.gov.uk/>. Let us know what you think or if there is anything else you want to see on it.

## Newsletter Feedback

If you would like to:

- Ask any questions or raise any issues relating to the village
- Advertise your group or trade
- Suggest any news articles which would be of interest to the Community

Please contact the Parish Office Team on 0114 247 2260 or email [parish.office@killamarsh-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parish.office@killamarsh-pc.gov.uk).